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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO U.S. BY GABONESE OFFICIALS RAWIRI,

REFS: (A) LIBREVILLE 1363; (B) LIBREVILLE 1400;

- (C) CONGER-BAAS TELCON 9/6/75

1. FOR EMBASSY PARIS, JOHN BLODGETT:

SUBJECT OFFICIALS EXPECTED VISIT U.S. SEPTEMBER 10-19

FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. FIRMS, AID, EXIMBANK. EMBASSY

PARIS REQUESTED CONTACT GABONESE MINISTER OF STATE RAWIRI

THROUGH GABONESE EMBASSY PARIS TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE PARAS

2-4, BELOW. EMBASSY PARIS ALSO REQUESTED CONFIRM GOG

OFFICIALS' ETA NEW YORK/JFK 1530 HRS. SEPT. 10 AND

NOTIFY DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE NAMES OF AIRLINE AND NEW

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YORK HOTEL.

2. SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS FOR SUBJECT OFFICIALS BEING SET UP WITH VIEW TO BEING RESPONSIVE TO GOG INTEREST PURCHASING RAILS AND OTHER MATTERS. SECONDLY, IT WILL ENABLE CERTAIN U.S. FIRMS WITH INVESTMENTS IN OR CONTRACTS WITH GABON TO DISCUSS CURRENT CONCERNS WITH GOG. THIRDLY, IT WILL GIVE GOG OFFICIALS CHANCE TO MEET WITH DECISION-MAKERS OF ADDITIONAL BLUE-CHIP U.S. FIRMS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR

TRANSGABON RAILROAD, SANTA CLARA ORE PORT OR GRAND POUBARA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT.

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SPANS SEPT. 10-19, AS FOLLOWS:

---- A. SEPT. 17, 1530 HRS - ARIVE NEW YORK/JFK, MET  
---- 0Y TAMS REP. PATRAO. CONGER OF USDOC WILL  
---- PROVIDE FINAL PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISITORS'  
---- APPROVAL AND WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

---- B. NEW YORK, SEPT. 11 - 0930 BETHLEHEM STEEL,  
---- 1015 U.S. STEEL, 1100 GENERAL ELECTRIC, 1230  
  
---- LUNCH HOSTED BY TAMS, 1530 SOROS ASSOCIATES,  
---- 1630 LOCKHEED.

---- C. NEW YORK, SEPT. 12 - 0930 CHARLES T. MAIN  
---- INTERNATIONAL, 1015 RAYMOND INTERNATIONAL,  
---- 1100 DRAVO CORP., 1200 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY  
---- FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, 1430 MORRISON-KNUDSEN,  
---- 1530 POSSIBLE FOLLOWUP MEETINGS WITH OTHER  
---- LUNCHEON GUESTS.

---- D. WASHINGTON: SEPT. 15 - 0930 A.I.D., 1130  
---- EXIMBANK. DEPART ABOUT 1600 FOR CLEVELAND AND  
---- CONNAUGHT, OHIO. SOROS ASSOCIATES WILL MEET  
---- PLANE AT CLEVELAND AND DRIVE VISITORS TO  
---- CONNAUGHT.

---- E. CONNAUGHT: SEPT. 16 - VISIT PORT FACILITIES AS  
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---- SOROS ASSOCIATES' GUESTS AND RETURN TO CLEVELAND.

---- F. SEPT. 17 - DEPART CLEVELAND FOR SEPT ILES,  
---- CANADA, TO VISIT IRON ORE MINE, RAILROAD, PORT  
---- AS GUESTS OF BETHLEHEM STEEL.

---- G. SEPT. 19 - DEPART SEPT ILES FOR NEW YORK AND  
---- RETURN TO LIBREVILLE.

4. GOG MINFIN MOUKAMBI, DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT, ASKED USG TO OBTAIN OFFERS BY U.S. PRODUCERS TO FURNISH RAILS FOR TRANSGABON. COMMERCE WORKING WITH TAMS, BETHLEHEM, U.S. STEEL TO PREPARE FOR DEFINITIVE DISCUSSIONS THIS TOPIC WITH RAWIRI AND TSIBAH.

5. FYI: INDICATIONS ARE U.S. PRODUCERS WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO GABONESE NEEDS, BUT ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD

NOT, REPEAT NOT, GIVE GOG ANY SUCH ENCOURAGEMENT AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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